

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



**FISCAL NOTE**

**SB 2145 - HB 2377**

March 3, 2022

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Creates the *Job Training for High School Students Act*. Requires the Department of Education (DOE) to establish and implement a pilot program that addresses the state's unemployment rate and the state's high school dropout rate by enabling students enrolled in a high school to achieve academic, career, personal, and social success. The Act is to be repealed on July 1, 2027.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

**NOT SIGNIFICANT**

Assumptions:

- It can be assumed that the pilot program could mirror a work-based learning program such as an apprenticeship, cooperative education program (CO-OP), clinical experience, internship, or professional mentorship.
- CO-OPs, clinical experiences, internships, and professional mentorships are all examples of programs in which local education agencies (LEAs) would partner with local businesses and industries to create career-based learning.
- These programs typically reward students with academic credit, valuable connections, practical skills, and sometimes compensation.
- Public Chapter 527 of the 111<sup>th</sup> General Assembly authorized LEAs to provide career-based experiences to the LEA's high school students, allowed the LEA's high school students to participate in any available career-based experience, and authorized LEAs to establish partnerships with industries and local businesses to provide career-based experiences to the LEA's high school students.
- This legislation does not outline any detailed requirements of the pilot program. It is assumed that DOE and LEAs can meet the requirements of this legislation within existing resources without a significant increase in state expenditures.

**CERTIFICATION:**

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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Krista Lee Carsner, Executive Director

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